

# Falcon Forum

Immaculate Conception Catholic School

## From your PTO Board

PTO kicked off our Raise Craze “Kindness is My Superpower” fundraiser on Friday, October 16th, with an event we promised to do in the spring before the pandemic revised our plans. Our top students for AOKs and money raised last year got to decorate Mrs. Brucks and turn her into an ice cream sundae! This year’s Raise Craze is going great as well. We are doing all kinds of AOKs and raising money for our school. First grade dominated our spring Raise Craze by doing the most acts of kindness AND raising the most money. I don’t remember if it was 1A or 1B that took top honors but I bet Ms. Stoll can tell you! Let’s see if those same students will repeat their terrific performance and be crowned two-time champions or be one and done like last year’s college football championship team. In all seriousness, seeing the AOKs performed by our students and the monetary donations contributed by our families and friends is very, very humbling. We have an amazing IC Family!

—Casey Simon  
PTO President



WOW! Did you see? The Arkansas Democrat Gazette’s 2020 Best of the Best named IC School as a finalist for Best Private Elementary! Thanks to all who voted. #ICGreatThings

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## New Teacher Spotlight

**Name:** Kate Wallin

**Birthday:** May 11th

**Hometown:** North Little Rock

**Current IC Position:** Fourth Grade Teacher

**Who was your favorite teacher and why?** My favorite teacher was one of my college professors, Dr. Ramsey. He always had a way of making all of his students think deeply about the topic at hand. He asked us challenging questions, which sparked in-depth conversations. He took the time to get to know his students well, and always made time for us outside of class. He was flexible, understanding, intelligent, and expected great things from each of his students.

**What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?** I think I would enjoy taking care of the elderly in some capacity.

**Favorite food?** I love pasta, steak, and sushi, but not at the same time.

**Do you have a favorite quote or saying?** “Love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.”—Carol Dweck



We are sounding out words, writing about pumpkins, and getting ready to set sail with the Pilgrims to explore the new land with our Native American friends. What an exciting time to be in **kindergarten**! We also said bye to Mrs. Chanda and welcomed back Mrs. McGee. Time is flying by, and we are excited to see what December will bring! We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving in advance!



In a normal year, the **third graders** would travel to the state fair after completing their *Charlotte's Web* novel study. Since we couldn't do that this year, we were able to invite Cockrill's Critters to bring the “characters” to us. They had a ball, even in the nearly freezing temps!



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We have been having fun in **PK 3** talking about Halloween and All Saints Day. We painted ghosts with our feet and made beautiful saints with glitter wings.



**Sixth grade** has been hard at work but having fun as well! In reading class, we are starting our first novel, *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen. In math we have moved on from decimals to fractions and percentages. In social studies, we have enjoyed studying prehistoric cultures. We especially liked learning about a 5,300-year-old mummy known as the Iceman! In English class, 6A has been identifying Halloween nouns, and 6B is finishing up their unit on sentence structure before moving into Step up to Writing. Both groups are loving performing Acts of Kindness for Raise Craze! We're also enjoying fun classroom incentives like board game time and tag days.



**Second grade** loved their crazy hair day Raise Craze incentive!

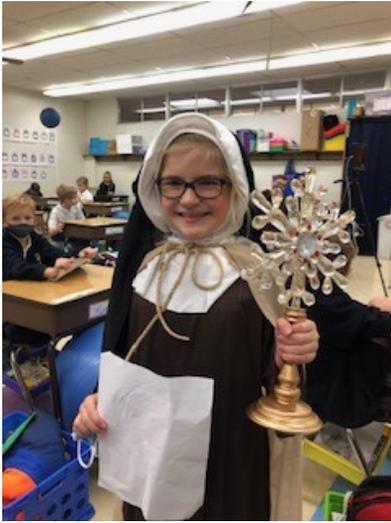
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**Religion** students have a busy month in October! Each third grade student gives a report in class on a saint, complete with costume and props, leading up to the Procession of Saints at All Saints Day Mass. We also say the rosary every Monday in October, with the kindergarteners leading us in the Living Rosary one week. —Mrs. Roca and Mrs. Jones



Kindergarten loves partner scooter races in PE!  
—Coach Cam

The **music** classroom is slowly opening up and we are so excited to once again use this room. We will air out the room between classes and sanitize the chairs. Some classes will be able use the room once a week and continue to have other music classes in their homerooms. Our students did a great job in October working on solfege hand signs, rhythmic performance and reading, and Halloween poems and dances. I couldn't be more proud of our wonderful children. Feeling very thankful this November. —Dr. Tyson



**Junior High English**  
**Mrs. Rogers**

Seventh grade had a fantastic time dressing up as a greaser or a soc for our annual dress up day celebrating the SE Hinson classic *The Outsiders*.

The **Student Government** isn't having meetings, but they are hard at work within their cohorts taking care of the garden and receiving training for flag duty. We would like all families to walk through the garden on the weekends and help yourself to the veggies listed on the whiteboard under the shed. Right now we have collard greens for the taking. They got a little too big but I'll bet someone out there can cook them up to perfection. With a grant from FarmCorps through Saint Joseph Center of Arkansas, we just purchased child safety knives and cutting boards so we can prepare some garden veggies for at home cooking. GREAT THINGS are happening! —Dr. Tyson



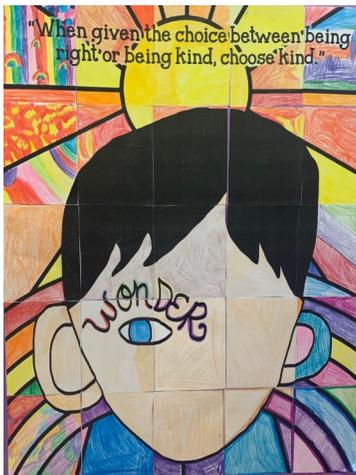
**BOO!** First grade has been working hard to make the IC hallways spooky just in time for Halloween.

AR Prizes have been placed in bags and delivered to the students. I know it may not have been as fun as shopping in the AR Store in the **library**, but I believe they will enjoy their prizes! Also, Book Fair is here! November 3-6 is the All for Books collection. The money raised in this fundraiser will help teachers continue to build their classroom libraries. With all the changes this year has brought to us, having more classroom books really helps! The book fair itself runs from November 9-13. Because of COVID regulations, we are unable to have the book fair open to parents. Yet at the same time I am so excited we can have an in-person book fair! Students can bring cash or checks (written to IC School) and shop for their purchases in the book fair located in Immaculata Hall. Thank you for all your support of our library here at IC! —Mrs. Benites



A huge THANKS to everyone that came out to support **IC's Meal Kit Fundraiser at Moe's**. We sold around 100 kits which means IC made **\$975!** If you haven't tried the meal kits they are super easy and delicious. IC School will have another Moe's fundraiser January 13th, so be sure to watch the IC School and Church Facebook pages for details. —Mrs. Koch

In PK4 we have taken full advantage of technology. We have been using the iPads weekly to practice the letter and number of the week. The students love earning stars for correctly forming the letters and numbers! We are focusing on the alphabet, learning capital, lowercase, and letter sounds. We are also learning positional words with our puppet squawker! We are exciting for the holidays ahead! Our days are busy, but so much fun!



We are in full Raise Craze mode and lovin' every minute of it in **fourth grade**! A huge shout out to everyone who is helping us help our school. Oh yeah, we just finished reading *Wonder*, too! It ties in perfectly with all of our Acts of Kindness.

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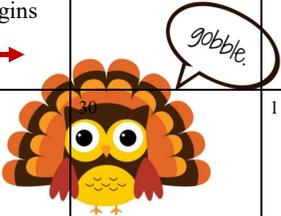


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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 NO SCHOOL	3	4 Picture Retakes	5	6 Early Out 2 pm	7
8	9 Book Fair →	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Early Out 2 pm	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Early Out 2 pm	21
22 Thanksgiving Break begins →	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 	30	1	2	3	4 Early Out 2 pm	5